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Attention: Mr. Mark Halpern
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Dear Mr. Halpern,

As follow-up to our phone conversation October 12, 2004, I would like you to reconsider your proposed Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102, citing that the claim was anticipated by Millspaugh's patent 1,718,573.

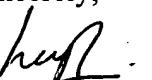
In Millspaugh's patent, the water removal or drying was always occurring on the roll and never in the free span between the rolls. In my application, the drying is occurring in the free span, as well as the permeable rolls.

Regarding your claim objection, I suppose that the first claim should simply read:

“1. A paper drying apparatus to dry a paper web carried on a fabric sheet comprising, in combination: a first rotatable, air permeable drum to carry a paper web on which the paper is initially dried with subsequent rotatable drums or non-permeable carrier rolls arranged in serpentine fashion to extend the dried length of paper web to the desired drying length, the carrier rolls starting when the web dryness is adequate.”

Does this meet the requirements for a claim? I understand that since I do not have an attorney that the Patent Office will provide an acceptably written claim, once the patentability has been determined.

Sincerely,


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